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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Named Inventor(s): SCOTT NEDDERMAN

For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING NETWORK  
COMMUNICATIONS DATA

Enclosed are:

☒ 24 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 4 pages of Claims 1-104

☒ 9 sheets of drawings ☐ formal ☒ informal

☐ 7 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

☐ unsigned

☒ Newly Executed

☐ Copy from prior application

☐ Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2)

☐ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_page(s) of Sequence Listing

☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing

☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing

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02 FC:102

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☐ Claim for Priority

☐ Certified Copy of the Priority Document

- ☐ English translation documents
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Copy of cited references
- ☐ Copy of PTO-1449
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☒ Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment
- ☐ Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)
- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Cancel in the application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).
- ☐ The status of the parent application is as follows:
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been and is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.
- ☐ No Petition for Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the parent application to this application.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE (For Other Than a Small Entity)

				Basic Fee
Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate	\$ 690.00
Total Claims	92	-20=	72	x\$18.00
Independent Claims	16	- 3=	13	x\$78.00
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[ ] A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefits under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.95(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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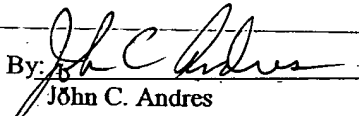
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